(c) the target for the rural areas of the districts of Vadodara, Surat, Valsad, Goodhara Breach and other backward and adivasi areas of Gujarat from 1981 to 1985; and

(d) what target has been fixed for the above districts for the years 1986 and 1987 and what steps Government proposes to take to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) A massive programme for providing safe drinking water facilities in the rural areas was launched during the Sixth Five Year Plan. As against a target of 2.31 lakh programme villages, 2.39 lakh villages, including 1.92 problem villages were provided drinking water during the Sixth Plan.

Rural Sanitation is a State subject and it is for the States to formulate and implement schemes. There was no Central scheme under which target could be fixed. According to the National Master Plan for Decade Programmes the percentage of populatiton coverage was expected to be raised from 0. 5 per cent in 1981 to 0.95 per cent in 1985. The recent Mid-Term Decade Review has, however, indicated that the achievement by 1985 would be only about 0.72 per cent of population.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Government.

National Housing Finance Institutiton

2584. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1081 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 and state by when the National Housing Finance Institutiton is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The proposal to set up a National Housing Bank is yet to be finalised.

Licences for New Sugar Mills

2585. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of licences for establishing of new sugar mills were granted during 1980—85;

(b) if so, what is the number;

(c) the names of the private firms/companies including the cooperative sector which have been granted licences for new sugar mills during the above period; and

(d) what is the production capacity of these sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):

(a) and (b) Sixty Letters of Intent/Licences were granted for establishing new sugar mills during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85);

(c) and (d) A statement giving the names of factories in private and co-operative sector along with their installed annual sugar production capacity is attached.

[*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 47].

Condoning loans of formers in flood drought affected States

2586. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the flood/drought affected State Governments have approached the Central Government for permission from the Reserve Bank of India to condone the loans of small farmers who have borrowed money from the cooperative institutions; and

(b) if so, what is Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No State Government has approached this Ministry for seeking condonation of loans of small farmers from cooperative institutions during this year. However, there are